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Sociocultural Perspectives on Education

"Where certainty and facts were once synonymous with 'being knowledgeable', now it is attitudes and dispositions that are seen as important prerequisites for effective participation in a diverse and changing world. Ask any group of parents or teachers what attributes children of today will need as adults to live socially responsible and fulfilling lives and answers will be similar. They are likely to include: motivation; a capacity for respect and tolerance; an ability to collaborate with others; an inclination for risk-taking, inquiry and problem solving."

Hatherly & Richardson, 2007

Dear Parents,

True to our holistic philosophy of education at Indus Early Learning Centre, this month has provided multiple opportunities for our students to experience authentic academic and value based learning through interacting with primary sources of information. These have included; interacting with others in social settings both inside and outside the school, going on field trips, and exploring and investigating through real world experiences.

Leadership Summit at Indus International School

Prep 2 had an opportunity to visit the main campus on April 20th, to be a part of their Leadership Summit. The children had a wonderful time exploring, interacting and exchanging views with the children there and understanding how they are pursuing and working on acquiring leadership skills and excellence in everything they do.



Beating the Heat in the IELC Swimming Pool

With the summer heat now being felt in full force, our IELC students have participated in swimming classes with extra zeal and enthusiasm. Thanks to the consistent efforts of our swim coach Ms. Asha, students have shown tremendous progress over the recent weeks in developing their swimming techniques, specifically 'free style' stroke as they 'beat the heat' and make use of IELC's picturesque swimming pool facilities.



Mango Harvest Sale

A yet another fulfilling endeavor of Community Action Service (CAS) was conducted by IELC and our children of Prep 2 participated in the noble act with all their heart and soul. Their enthusiasm in selling the mangoes from our own school mango trees was admirable. Right from packing up the mangoes to successfully selling them was truly commendable. Our young business people were totally into selling, that in no time, the mangoes were sold out. The proceeds will go to the Kallahalli Orphanage. Our heartfelt thanks to parents who supported the cause by buying the mangoes.



IELC – Koramangala and IELC – RMV Indus day

IELC Koramangala and IELC – RMV hosted their Indus Day and Leadership Summit. All the children participated with great enthusiasm and zeal. It was substantiation of educating the whole child. Each of the Centre persented the Centre of Excellence in very innovative way.



News from the classroom:

Reception

With the month of April having begun just after the spring break, students returned energetic and full of 'holiday news' they wished to share with much eagerness! With the weather getting warmer, our young enthusiastic minds gladly indulged in swimming with Ms. Asha, showing no hesitation in getting into the pool. Reception Students are enjoying all the activities planned for their new Unit of Inquiry – Water.



Prep 1

In Prep 1 we are conducting an inquiry on “How the world works”. We have explored different materials like wood, paper and fabric; their properties, through exploration centers, student led inquiry and experiments. Children are learning a lot and are very excited by the hands-on activities. In connection with this unit, Prep 1 had an exciting field trip to “Girias Explorium” where the children learnt many basic concepts through engaging exhibits in a fun filled environment of play.



Prep 2

To culminate the unit on 3R's, after several weeks of inquiry and exploring about 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle', Prep 2 organized a workshop on 7th April.

The workshop, which was conducted by an organization called "**You and Me Workshop**", not only helped enrich and enhance the knowledge of our children, but also gave them experiential learning on waste management. The workshop also incorporated the idea of '**design thinking**', where problems were posed and the children were encouraged to come up with the solutions. We could witness some beautiful creations designed by our children, which made us believe once again that indeed our children are the real problem-solvers of all time!



Important Dates in May

May 12th – Aquatic meet for Prep1 and Prep 2

May 26th – Prep 2 Graduation

June 5th - Reports are sent to parents

June 7th – Student Led Conference

June 8th – Class party and Awards day

June 9th – Summer Break for Students

August 4th – Curriculum Road Map Day

August 7th – First Day of School

Warm Regards and best wishes:



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